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UNTIED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ATTN: Mr. Greg Phillips, Office of Indian Programs 5665 Morgan Mill Road Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Reference is made to your correspondence to this Agency dated December 20, 2002, regarding your request for information concerning a Business Lease located on Indian Trust Lands, Douglas County, Nevada. My paramount concern is the reason behind your sudden interest in this development and request for information. This development has been in existence for over five (5) years and your San Francisco Office is certainly aware of its existence due to the fact that this Agency has requested their assistance in preparing the required water testing procedures and the Lessee has taken advantage of the EPA's training in the development and testing of drinking water. EPA is provided with copies of all water testing results.

Some of the documents which you are requesting contain financial information which this Agency is not at liberty to merely provide to any party who makes the request. Some examples are the Master Lease and the Sublease. The other items are documents which we are gathering and we are in the process of discussing your request with in the Indian Landowners and Lessee.

During our meeting with you, we advised you that this area had an existing partial development and a disturbance of the property. Your were also informed that this area had been used as a dumping ground for household garbage, old appliances, and junk cars. This area also contained trees infested with beetles and had-dead trees all of which has been removed.

Your correspondence also mentions the Lessee attempts to negotiate fire protection services and taxing with appropriate local agencies. As mentioned to you in our meeting, the residents of the area involved in a business lease do pay appropriate taxes to Pouglas County of which funds compensate the County for emergency service to include fire protection and ambulatory/paramedic services. A copy of Douglas County Tax assessment/billing statement which is provided to all occupants of the lease area is attached for you review. There would be no reason to enter into any agreements with appropriate agencies for services since the residents pay taxes to receive services. We also advised you that the Lessee has contacted and has been working with the local fire departments due to the

development is the only development in the immediate area to install fire hydrants. The local fire department has the use of the fire hydrants for any emergency use in the area.

We have also attached correspondence from the Washoe Tribal Chairman dated June 9, 1997, which provides a positive attitude toward the development.

We cannot provide you with an immediate time line to receive the revised Environmental document due to your request is at the beginning of the Holiday Season. We anticipate your response the above information and if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact this Agency at the address or telephone number provided above.

Sincerely,

Acting Superintendent

Enclosures

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Douglas County Tax Collector

Douglas County Douglas County Treasurer P O Box 3000 Minden, NV 89423 775-782-9018

ACCOUNT NO. OWNER/LOCATION DISTRICT DATE



PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR:

2001-02

